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**unpermitted landscape rock mine (S/039/0035) - photos of existing excavation**

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To: Lance Beebee &lt;beebelance@yahoo.com&gt;

Cc: Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;

Hi Lance,

Thanks for the call yesterday. Here are a few photos of the existing hole and dirt piles at your unpermitted landscape rock site north of Spring City. The area of existing disturbance (including overburden) covers an area of about 40' x 20' total. This excavation is on the east end of the mined area. It's not a big disturbance, but we can't release your regrading liability until it's backfilled.



After last year's sunflowers, beneficial revegetation has not yet come in on the previously backfilled and graded areas (as of the middle of March - I will check again). These areas were seeded in February 2015. A number of weedy species dominated the area last year, but these are usually temporary while rangeland-type grass and other species establish over 2-5 years. There are noxious weeds in the neighborhood, but I haven't seen any at this specific site. Cheatgrass is in adjacent fields.

Sometimes seeding fails. If that's the case, we'll recommend re-seeding either this or next late fall. Drill seeding is often most effective for most species.



Let me know if you have questions, and I'd appreciate hearing when the hole has been backfilled. Thanks.

Peter

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